

Abrams disputes Tambs' testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams Tuesday disputed Ambassador Lewis Tambs' testimony that assistance for the Nicaraguan rebels was directed by a three-member government group chaired by Mr. Abrams. "He doesn't know what he's talking about, and he never attended a RIG meeting," Mr. Abrams testified. He was referring to the restricted interagency group (RIG) that included former White House aide Oliver L. North and the chief of the CIA's Central-American task force, Al Fiers. Mr. Abrams, 38, heads the State Department's Latin American division. Mr. Tambs, former U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica, last week told the joint house-Senate hearings on the Iran-contra affair that Mr. Abrams, as chairman of the three-member group in Washington, took a close interest in efforts to supply assistance to the contras. Mr. Tambs said this interest included construction of a secret airstrip in northern Costa Rica and the opening up of a "sophomore front" of Nicaraguan rebels seeking the overthrow of the Sandinista government in Managua. As the hearings entered their fifth week, Mr. Abrams testified, under oath but without immunity, that the RIG's primary purpose was to share information and opinions.

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Sudan rebels capture town

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan said Tuesday rebels fighting troops in south Sudan had captured a garrison town on the border with Ethiopia following heavy artillery and air bombardment from inside Ethiopia. A communiqué issued by the general command of the armed forces said the town of Jekab, 840 kilometres south-east of Khartoum in Upper Nile province, was evacuated last Wednesday.

New Sudan cabinet takes office today

KHARTOUM (R) — A new Sudanese cabinet has been formed and will be sworn in Wednesday, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported Tuesday. It said the new cabinet, formed after the previous one was dismissed on the orders of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, would hold its first meeting on Thursday. SUNA did not name the new cabinet but it will be composed, like the previous one, of a coalition in which Mr. Mahdi's Umma Party and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) will be the main partners.

Syria disavows press comments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Syrian government has disavowed commentary in its official press describing as heroes the gunmen who attacked a U.S. embassy vehicle in Egypt and wounded two of the three Americans aboard. The State Department said Monday, Department spokesman Charles Redman said Syrian officials have informed the United States the press statements did not represent Syrian policy and that the Syrian government is opposed to attacks on diplomats anywhere. The Syrian newspaper, *Tisbrin*, said last Wednesday that the attack was carried out by "the heroes of Arab Egypt against the U.S. presence" and is an extension "of the Egyptian people's revolt against the capitulatory regime." The attack occurred in Cairo last Tuesday as the embassy officers were driving to work.

UNFIL soldier injured in SLA fire

TEL AVIV (AP) — A soldier from the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon was wounded Tuesday by shrapnel from mortar fired by Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen, a U.N. spokesman said. Tamer Goksel, spokesman for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), said he did not know why South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen fired the mortar close to a Nepalese UNFIL position near the southern Lebanese village of Yatar. He said a Nepalese guard was wounded by shrapnel from the mortar.

U.S. still wants Hamadei extradited

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz said Tuesday Washington still wanted alleged hijacker Mohammad Ali Hamadei extradited to the United States and the matter was being considered in West Germany. Mr. Hamadei is wanted on murder and air piracy charges stemming from the 1985 hijacking of a Trans World Airways airliner to Beirut. Mr. Hamadei is being held in West Germany on charges of illegally possessing explosives.

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Lebanese mourn Karami with nation-wide strike

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TRIPOLI, Lebanon — Weeping crowds gathered to console the family of Lebanon's assassinated Prime Minister Rashid Karami in his home town on Tuesday as a week of official mourning began with a nationwide strike.

"Tripoli mourns its son" read a huge black banner over the southern entrance to this city in northern Lebanon where Mr. Karami, 65, commanded mass support.

Flags fluttered at half-mast and shops, schools and offices across Lebanon stayed shut to mourn

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state funeral will be held on Wednesday.

Men paid their respects to Mr. Karami's two weeping brothers, *Maan* and *Omar*, at a palace nearby where Mr. Karami had his office.

"He was a father to Tripoli," said city notable Farouk Fakhreddin. "When we know our foe, we will settle accounts."

Pro-Syrian Greek Orthodox Interior Minister Abdallah Rassi, who was on the helicopter with Mr. Karami, emerged from the

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Salim Al Hoss

Prince Hassan in Canada

OTTAWA (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, on the second day of his visit to Canada, met on Tuesday with the minister of state for external relations, Monique Landry, and discussed with her Jordanian-Canadian economic cooperation and prospects for Canadian participation in implementing a number of projects in Jordan's 1986-1990 Five-Year National Development Plan.

They also discussed Jordan's five-year development scheme for the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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Rifai and Greek leaders hold talks

ATHENS (Agencies) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, now on a three-day official visit to Greece, met on Tuesday with Greek President Christos Sartzetakis and reviewed Jordanian-Greek relations.

During the meeting at the presidential palace, Mr. Rifai conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hussein and wishes for the Greek people for further progress and prosperity.

Later Mr. Rifai met with the speaker of the Greek Parliament, Yannis Alevras, in the presence of Minister of Education Thousan Hindawi and Jordan's Ambassador to Greece Awwad Al Khalidi and a number of Greek officials.

They discussed the Middle East

question and Mr. Rifai explained Jordan's views with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war and the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Peara said that Mr. Rifai restated Jordan's demand for total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since 1967 and refuted Israel's false presentation of the Middle East problem on the European scene. Mr. Rifai also reiterated Jordan's support for Iraq in its war with Iran and pointed out that Iraq was positively responsive to all bids for peace.

Mr. Alevras reiterated

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Balata residents continue protests; 10 injured in clash with Israeli troops

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops clamped a new curfew Tuesday on the Balata refugee camp in the occupied West Bank after Palestinians demonstrated against an army storming of the camp and detention of about 60 people there.

The Palestine Press Service said 10 Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets when the army opened fire to disperse protesters at the camp, where 12,000 refugees live.

Israel radio also reported that troops opened fire with rubber bullets, but said there were no casualties.

Tensions in the camp about 60 kilometres north of Jerusalem have been high since Sunday, when Israeli soldiers rounded up more than 1,500 male residents of

the camp for questioning and arrested 60.

On Monday, a day after the Balata storming, Israel's parliament engaged in a heated debate over policies designed to contain Palestinian nationalistic activity in the occupied territories.

In Arab Jerusalem, an unknown man threw a firebomb at an Israeli bus Monday evening, injuring the driver and damaging the vehicle, an army spokesman said.

He said the bomb broke the bus' windshield but did not catch fire. The driver was wounded in his head by broken glass and taken to a hospital, he said.

Earlier Monday, the Israeli parliament held a heated session devoted to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's briefing on the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Volcker quits as Fed chief, Greenspan appointed

SUCCESSOR

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan announced Tuesday that Paul A. Volcker has decided to step down as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Reagan said he would appoint economist Alan Greenspan to succeed Mr. Volcker.

"I accept Mr. Volcker's decision with great reluctance and regret," Mr. Reagan said.

Mr. Volcker, appearing with Mr. Reagan and Mr. Greenspan at a White House briefing, said that he was relinquishing the post voluntarily. "I had no feeling I was being pushed," he said.

"Mr. Greenspan was chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors from 1974-1977 during president Gerald Ford's administration. He is now a New York economic consultant.

Mr. Greenspan's appointment came on the eve of Mr. Reagan's departure for next week's seven-nation economic summit in Venice.

Analysts had suggested that Mr. Reagan wanted to make the announcement in advance of the summit, so that the post would not become a summit issue.

"Filling Paul Volcker's shoes will be a major challenge," said Mr. Greenspan, 61.

Mr. Volcker, 59, the cigar-smoking, six-foot-seven Fed chairman who had won wide respect from leaders around the world, will serve as chairman until his term expires in August.

In London, the gold price soared and the dollar plunged on world financial markets when news broke that Mr. Volcker would not serve a new term.

In office since 1979, Mr. Volcker had been seen in the markets as a bastion of monetary stability.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 20 points on the news.

The dollar nosedived, going down near 1.80 West German marks and 142 yen — compared with Monday night's closing prices in Europe above 1.83 marks and 145 yen.

Prices of gold, silver and platinum soared on what market participants called "panic buying."

Raimond says Soviets have major role in peace efforts

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond said Tuesday it might be harmful to exclude the Soviet Union from Middle East peace negotiations and that Moscow could play an important role in such talks.

"We need to de-dramatise the Soviet presence in the Middle East, and its possible role in an international (peace) conference," Mr. Raimond told a news conference on the last day of his three-day visit to Israel.

Mr. Raimond, whose government favours an international conference, said even though Israel's government is deadlocked over participation "the idea is far from being abandoned, the process is still a viable one."

It is vital that "the momentum toward the peace conference not be lost," he said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has campaigned for Israeli participation in the conference, provided it leads to direct Arab-Israeli talks. Participants would include the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, among them the Soviet Union.

ion, the United States.

Mr. Raimond held separate meetings with Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir and said there were no changes in their basic positions.

Seven leading Palestinians attended a meeting with Mr. Raimond Tuesday and six of them handed him a memorandum stating that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

The seventh, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, said he did not sign because there was no need to hand in memorandums at direct meetings.

Mr. Freij said he told Mr. Raimond no Palestinian would take part in a peace parley without PLO approval.

The memorandum described United Nations Security Council Resolutions 424 and 338 as "inadequate" for a settlement.

Newspaper editor Hanna Simora told reporters he suggested to Mr. Raimond the PLO might change its stance on the resolutions if the United Nations adopted France's stance that the PLO must be associated with peace moves.

Sri Lanka warns India not to send aid to Jaffna

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa on Tuesday told India not to send aid directly to the besieged Jaffna peninsula and to the Tamil rebels who are hoarding it.

As the diplomatic confrontation over aid intensified, the civilian death toll in Sri Lanka's ethnic war continued to rise.

The government said Tamil separatist guerrillas ambushed a bus in eastern Sri Lanka and fatally shot 33 people, including 29 saffron-robed Buddhist monks. Guerrillas raided the same village in February, killing 28 Sinhalese civilians, according to the government.

An Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman said in New Delhi senior Indian officials summoned heads of foreign missions to brief them on the Sri Lankan offensive against the Tamil rebels.

India, which has 50 million Tamils of its own, said the military offensive had caused as many as 200 civilian casualties in the past week.

U.S. plans sale of improved Maverick missiles to Riyadh

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has asked Congress to approve the sale of 1,600 Maverick air-to-ground missiles to Saudi Arabia, officials said Monday.

The sale, totalling about \$360 million, would replace one approved by Congress in 1984.

The Saudis delayed delivery while the missiles were being equipped with an infrared guidance system — instead of the television system used previously — to make them more effective in night fighting and low-visibility situations.

Since Saudi Arabia did not take delivery of the previous weapons and President Ronald

Reagan's administration now is proposing to sell the Saudis an improved model. Congress must be notified so it can decide whether to approve or block the deal.

The missiles, produced by Hughes Aircraft Co., are designed for use on F-5 fighter planes sold by the United States to the kingdom. So far, the Saudis have bought 2,500 Maverick missiles since their first purch-

ase in 1974.

The White House notified Congress of the Maverick sale last Friday. State Department spokesman Charles Redman confirmed the move in response to questions Monday.

He said the administration has not decided whether to propose the sale of F15 jet-fighter planes to Saudi Arabia.

Twice in the last month, the White House postponed notifying Congress. There was strong opposition to the deal from Israel's supporters and from critics of secret Saudi support for Nicaraguan contra rebels.

"We intend to go forward with

that proposal when the time is right," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

About a dozen jets would be produced by McDonnell Douglas to replace planes lost in accidents. The first would be delivered around 1990.

By arming the Saudis, the Reagan administration hopes to bolster the government against foreign threats. The United States also seeks Saudi support in U.S. efforts to police the Gulf against Iranian attacks on Western oil shipments.

Secretary of State George Shultz said Friday the Saudis might be asked for use of an airstrip for U.S. fighter planes.

Carter:
Reflagging
could draw
U.S. into
Gulf war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter has said that President Ronald Reagan's decision to fly the U.S. flag on Kuwaiti tankers signals that the United States is siding with Iraq and could be drawn into the Gulf war.

"After our ridiculous sale of arms to Iran and the worldwide uproar because of that embarrassing mistake, I think we have tended to shift now toward Iraq," the former president said in an interview.

"Kuwait is aligned with Iraq. We are making Kuwaiti ships part of the American merchant fleet, and I think this is a clear signal to the combatants that we have chosen sides."

The Reagan administration has said repeatedly it wants a negotiated settlement of the more than 6-year-old war, with "neither victory nor vanquished."

Pahlavi warns U.S. against being drawn into Iran conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) — The son of the late Shah of Iran has warned the United States against being drawn into a military conflict with Iran, saying such a move would serve to inspire the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's government.

"Direct U.S. military involvement, even as a measured retaliation, will provide fresh material for the fanatic's war dance and liturgy," 26-year-old Reza Pahlavi told a luncheon meeting of editors from Hearst newspapers.

"In their sick minds, it is not heroic enough to fight Iraq, which is why they have always insisted that (Iraqi) President Saddam Hussein is a mere agent of U.S. imperialism and Zionism," he said. "Attack Iran directly, and they will claim a proof of U.S. complicity all along."

But Pahlavi said the United States and the Soviet Union, working through the United Nations, should apply pressure on Iran to end the war with Iraq, which started in 1980.

Pahlavi said he is attempting to unite exiled Iranians who want to see Khomeini's regime over-

thrown and replaced with a constitutional monarchy, similar to those in Spain, Great Britain and Sweden.

Such a solution would allow Iran to maintain its territorial integrity while offering its people democracy, he said.

Pahlavi said he views himself as the "moral" leader of the Iranians, and believes he has widespread support inside the country as well as among the more than 2 million Iranians living outside the country.

Iranian princess dies

LONDON (AP) — Princess Farah Pahlavi, half sister of the late Shah of Iran, has died in London at age 58, the Daily Telegraph reported on Tuesday.

The princess was estranged from the Shah for some time because of her runaway marriage in 1950 to an American, Vincent Lee Hillyer. The couple married in a civil ceremony at Civitavecchia, Italy, on April 13 that year, and in a Muslim religious ceremony in Paris the following May 10.

Khomeini abolishes ruling party

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini abolished the ruling Islamic Republic Party (IRP) and warned that "sowing discord" is one of the greatest sins," an Iranian newspaper reported Tuesday.

Khomeini's decree Monday to abolish the party followed a request by President Ali Khamenei and Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, saying that under present conditions there was no need for the party to continue its activities.

The IRP was founded after the culmination of the Islamic revolution in 1979, under the leadership of Ayatollah Mohammad Hussein Behesti.

Behesti was killed along with more than 70 other people when a powerful bomb explosion destroyed the IRP headquarters in 1981.

An official at the IRP, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the party no longer had any significant duties to carry out and the cost to keep it running was enormous.

The Jomhuri Eslami newspaper, which belongs to IRP, reported Khomeini's order to abolish the party. It also carried excerpts from a joint letter written to Khomeini by Khamenei and Rafsanjani.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, reported the newspaper's report.

Khamenei and Rafsanjani were quoted as saying that the party had a major role at the beginning of the revolution — which topped 2,500 years of monarchy — of awakening the people and foiling counter-revolutionary and foreign plots.

"Now with the help of God, institutions of the Islamic Republic have been consolidated and the level of political awareness of the people has made the revolution invulnerable," the newspaper quoted the letter as saying.

Begin considered entering Beirut in 1981

TEL AVIV — Menahem Begin, who was Israeli prime minister during the Lebanon War, contemplated sending the army into Beirut about a year before the war, an Israeli army reserves general has said.

Speaking at a symposium at Tel Aviv University, Gen. Avigdor Ben-Gal quoted Begin as telling him: "We'll get to the hunker and get him" (meaning PLO leader Yasser Arafat) out of the hunker in Beirut."

Arye Naor, who was cabinet secretary at the time, told the symposium that Ben-Gal's statement made sense for 1981. At that time, Begin was debating whether to use the army for an expanded Litani operation — the 1978 thrust into Lebanon — or for one which would also include Beirut.

The army's conduct of the war was badly managed partly because the cabinet did not have a clear picture of its aims. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and

Chief of General Staff Rafael Eitan had known what they wanted, but did not receive approval to follow through.

Thus, instead of flying troops to the Beirut-Damascus road, the army moved slowly. Field commanders were confused and never told what their final goals were, Ben-Gal said.

Gen. Ami Drori maintained that the army could have occupied Beirut and reached the Shatila-Zahlé area within 96 hours as one set of military plans had stipulated. But it did not do so, because it did not receive authorization.

Gen. Drori said that the first he heard about a 40-kilometre line beyond which the army was not to move was five days after the war had started — The Jerusalem Post.

For a year, the army went into the smallest details, he said. The war was badly managed partly because the cabinet did not have a clear picture of its aims. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and

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Majali, Fayed express condolences over Karami

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahhab Al Majali Tuesday called at the Lebanese embassy in Amman where he conveyed his condolences on the death of Mr. Rashid Karami of Lebanon who died in a bomb blast on Monday.

Mr. Majali was accompanied by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Sami Judeh and other officials.

His Majesty King Hussein has delegated Mr. Majali to take part in Mr. Karami's funeral, being held in Tripoli today. Mr. Majali will be accompanied by Jordan's ambassador to Syria.

Greek patriarch leads Christian group in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation of Christian clergymen led by the Ecumenical Greek Orthodox Patriarch Dimitrios arrived in Amman Tuesday via the King Hussein Bridge from the occupied West Bank.

The delegation will spend four days in Jordan during which they will meet with Jordanian officials to discuss urgent matters of concern to the Christian world and the Middle East region in the light of current situation in the occupied Holy Land, according to a statement by the Greek Orthodox

CAEU 30 years old today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman-based Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) issued a statement Tuesday to mark its 30th anniversary today.

The statement referred to the council's achievement in economic affairs over the past 30 years and the continued endeavour to promote the economies of the Arab countries.

The challenges that the Arab World now faces cannot be separated from the Israeli colonial national interests.

Hamzeh to chair meeting on community health care

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh will chair a meeting on Thursday to discuss issues related to the role of doctors in local communities.

At the meeting, which is to be attended by directors of health departments in various provinces of the Kingdom, the minister is expected to outline the role which

British ladies to hold fete Thursday to benefit charity

AMMAN (Petra) — The British Ladies of Amman are holding a summer fete on Thursday June 4, 1987 in support of local Jordanian charities.

The proceeds of the fete will benefit charitable societies in the Kingdom, according to a release by the British ladies' group.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Head of media company visits Syria

AMMAN (Petra) — Mr. Jawad Marqa, director general of the Jordan Company for Television, Radio and Cinema production, left for Damascus Tuesday on a two-day visit to Syria. He will be meeting with a number of Syrian information officials to discuss cooperation between the company and the Syrian information departments in producing cultural, information and technical materials.

22 tonnes of food deemed unfit

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Greater Municipality teams last month visited 4,925 factories that process and sell food supplies in Amman region, and destroyed 22 tonnes of food stuffs found unfit for human consumption. A spokesman for the Greater Amman Municipality said that the teams had collected 369 samples of the food supplies and had them tested in the laboratory before the decision was made for the destruction of food supplies. He said that 71 percent of the samples proved to be coming from products that are safe and fit for consumption.

Man sentenced for embezzlement

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Suleiman Salem Sabbagh Mahmood to three and a half years imprisonment for embezzling public funds. The military governor Tuesday endorsed the sentence.

IPA to train North Yemen officials

AMMAN (Petra) — The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) announced Tuesday that it will organise nine training programmes for employees of the Ministry of Education in North Yemen. The 200 participants will attend courses that will last 10 months.

221 ships docked at Aqaba in April

AQABA (Petra) — A total of 221 ships docked at Aqaba port during April this year, as against 229 ships in April 1986. The number of travellers who arrived via Aqaba-Nuweibeh sea link during last April was 25,258, up from 10,147 travellers during the same month of 1986. The number of departures via Aqaba-Nuweibeh sea link reached 12,952 travellers during May against 69,766 travellers during May 1986.

SSC to explain new law to communities

Meanwhile, Mr. Akef Al Fayed, speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, has sent a cable to his Lebanese counterpart, Hussein Al Husseini, expressing his condolences on the death of Mr. Karami.

In the cable, Mr. Fayed denounced the assassination of the late prime minister as a treacherous act committed against a man who had devoted his life to serve his nation. Mr. Fayed voiced deep sorrow at the death of Mr. Karami and wished the Lebanese people success in establishing peace and security in their country.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Social Security Corporation (SSC) will make direct contacts with local communities and various organisations for the sake of explaining the privileges provided for in the new SSC regulations that came into effect on June 1, 1987, according to Dr. Mabdi Al Farhan, SSC director general.

He said that the SSC has completed preparations for opening two centres at Zarqa and Irbid and will later open two similar centres in Ma'an and Tafleeh to facilitate procedures for beneficiaries of the SSC law and to ease pressure on the main headquarters of the SSC in Amman.

Dr. Farhan held a press conference on Monday during which he outlined in detail the new arrangements for including businesses employing five or more people in the SSC law. He estimated that 30,000 additional citizens will benefit from the new arrangements.

Formerly, only those organisations and companies employing 10 persons or more were covered by the SSC law. The new expansion, endorsed by the Cabinet on April 25, imposes penalties on employers who do not comply with the new regulations.

According to Dr. Farhan, the new arrangements provide for the SSC to train its staff and employees on the new measures and the different categories of citizens to be included in the SSC law.

He said that the ongoing Iran-Iraq war, the tragic situation in Lebanon, and the continued Israeli occupation of Arab land, require from the Arabs concerted efforts and speedy pan-Arab action that can safeguard Arab national interests.

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Time to help Lebanon

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Al Ra'i: Loss of a symbol of unity

LEBANON yesterday lost one of its main political and public figures with the death of Prime Minister Rashid Karami. The loss came in one of the most grotesque incidents, in the form of assassination. Karami has been one of the symbols of unity in Lebanon largely due to his endeavours for bringing about reconciliation among the various warring factions and political groups. Karami has lived through the sufferings of his countrymen and has been advocating dialogue and negotiations rather than confrontation. The assassination of the prime minister of Lebanon meant not only the absence of a prominent personality from the Lebanese political scene but rather a set-back for all the aspirations and the dreams of the Lebanese citizens for an end to the civil strife. It was a hard blow directed to all efforts which Karami had been exerting for bringing security and peace to Lebanon. His death means a victory for the malicious elements and the evil forces who are bent on maintaining Lebanon in a turmoil of conflict and bloodshed. For this reason, we strongly condemn the assassination of Karami, who had served as a symbol of peace and reconciliation and who offered so much sacrifice and devotion to his people.

Al Dustour: Lebanon should wake up now

THE absence of Rashid Karami from the Lebanese political scene is a great loss for that country and the Arab Nation at large. His assassination, which was condemned by people everywhere, could usher in a new turning point to the worst in the on-going civil strife in Lebanon because Karami was one of those prominent figures who worked hard for bringing about reconciliation among the warring factions. Karami's long and seasoned experience in politics enabled him to carry on with his endeavours to achieve security for his country but his absence now is bound to leave a political vacuum and to render Lebanon weaker than any time in the past. It is really difficult to find a substitute for Karami as head of national salvation government at a time when the country is still rent with conflict and on the verge of collapse. Observers believe that the assassination is bound to rekindle old hostilities that fuel the civil war. We express deep sorrow for the loss of Karami, one of the most prominent and seasoned public figures of Lebanon, but we hope that his tragic death will serve as an alarm bell forcing the Lebanese people to wake up to their pitiable situation and take serious action for an end to tragedy.

Sawt Al Shaab: A tribute to Karami

THE assassination of Rashid Karami has left a big vacuum in the Lebanese political arena. The late prime minister had served as a symbol of unity among the various groups and political parties and has contributed to the efforts of designed to end the civil strife in the embattled nation. For his efforts and for his struggle to end the bloodshed in his country Karami was rewarded by a bomb that dismembered his body and which is bound to dismember the Lebanese people further. Karami had been a symbol of unity among the Lebanese and the enemy of none, and he enjoyed the love of all citizens. He had assumed his difficult responsibilities at a time when the country had been in flames, and its economy in shambles. Karami had refused to deal with the enemies of his country and was opposed to factional fighting and striving to bring an end to the bloodshed. The late prime minister who had had a long political career had never contested any other leader or militia commander, and had always been an example of devotion and patriotism.

Strange quirks in the U.S.-Israeli relationship

In Washington, both the indicted Israeli airforce colonel, Avieli Sella, and U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese share the same lawyer. The CIA reportedly concluded Jonathan Pollard was a 'closet spy' before he was given top secret security clearances to work for naval intelligence. Wolf Blitzer examines the current muted mood in Washington following the two Israeli reports on the spy debacle.

THERE HAVE been some strange quirks in the latest twists and turns in the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal.

Incredible as it may sound, both Israeli air force Colonel Avieli Sella, who has been indicted as Pollard's first "handler" in Washington, and U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese, who ultimately is responsible for prosecuting Sella, are now represented by the same Washington attorney, Nathan Lewin.

Meese has his own legal headaches. He is being investigated by a special federal prosecutor on charges of improper involvement in financial contract kickback arrangements in what is known as the Wedtech scandal.

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Mr. Karami's death interrupted efforts to resolve a government crisis caused by his May 4 resignation and many politicians feared it might aggravate civil war tensions.

Mr. Karami had been investigating reports on Monday's bombing. Some said the explosive was carried aboard in Mr. Karami's attaché case while others had it planted in the helicopter beforehand.

No official report has been issued.

Military experts were still investigating how the bomb was planted aboard the helicopter that was bringing Mr. Karami to Beirut from a 10-day stay at his summer residence in the northern Lebanon resort of Bqaa Sefrin.

The bomb exploded 10 minutes after takeoff from Tripoli's Kuhbeh military base near Bqaa Sefrin at mid-morning Monday, said one official close to the investigation.

Mr. Rassi disputed military claims that the bomb was planted in Mr. Karami's attaché case.

"It was planted on the helicopter before its arrival in North Lebanon to pick us up," Mr. Rassi told AP. "It was not, and I repeat not, planted in the north."

"The bomb came with the plane from an airbase belonging to the Lebanese army," Mr. Rassi said.

The helicopter had been dispatched to Tripoli from the Adma military base in the Christian heartland north of Beirut.

Syrian troops were out in force on Tuesday, in Tripoli, with soldiers every few metres on the southern approach road to the city and plainclothes men checking identities.

The Syrians also mounted strict security at Mr. Karami's house and palace, sealing off nearby roads and searching mourners as residents stared in silence from their balconies.

Two groups have claimed responsibility for murdering Mr. Karami in telephone calls to international news agencies.

In one call on Monday, a Captain Hammoud "said a secret cell of Lebanese army officers was behind the blast. A military spokesman dismissed the claim as nonsense.

In the second, a group named the "Vengeance Organisation for the Martyrs of Islam" said it had killed Mr. Karami, a firm Syrian ally, to avenge Syrian attacks on militiamen in Tripoli.

Last December, witnesses quoted by Reuters said Syrian troops killed over 200 civilians in the fundamentalist stronghold of

Israeli military intelligence. Aluf Amnon Shahak, came to Washington where he even met Pollard's old boss at U.S. naval intelligence — among many other senior U.S. intelligence officials.

Most recently, on the same morning that American officials were first reading about the two Israeli investigations on the Pollard affair, on the front page of The Washington Post, top Pentagon brass showed up at the Israel embassy's third annual research and development conference in Washington. The purpose of the three-day event is to strengthen cooperation between U.S. and Israeli defence-related industries.

The U.S. and Israel recognise that, despite the hard feelings generated by Israel's successful penetration of the U.S. intelligence community, both countries have an overriding mutual interest in not allowing the Pollard case to overly damage American-Israeli relations. There is simply too much at stake.

This also explains why the public U.S. response to the release of the two Israeli reports this past week was muted. The U.S. Justice Department did not issue any formal reaction.

A spokesman, Pat Korten, simply said: "We don't think it's appropriate to comment." He noted, however, that the reports will not affect the investigation which is continuing. Some U.S. law-enforcement authorities suspect that Pollard may have been part of a broader

Israeli espionage network operating in the U.S.

At the State Department, a spokesman simply expressed hope that the Israeli government will take the necessary steps to ensure that a Pollard-like operation can never recur in Washington.

In addition, the spokesman signalled America's irritation that Rafael Eitan, the veteran Israeli intelligence operative who was in overall charge of running Pollard, was apparently going to be allowed to maintain his post as chairman of Israel Chemicals. Israel had originally promised "to call into account" those officials involved in the espionage ring.

From the start, Reagan administration officials were generally prepared to accept Israel's position that Pollard was part of a "rogue" unit. But once the Israeli government gave Eitan such a plum job and then promoted Selig to command the Tel Nof air base — a promotion later reversed following an extraordinary outcry from the U.S. — the administration was forced to come down very hard on Israel.

What was most ironic about the entire Pollard affair was the fact that when the former analyst was arrested by FBI agents outside the Israeli embassy in November 1985, U.S.-Israeli relations, by any definition, were clearly stronger than they had ever been before.

In addition, American Jews

working in national security areas will continue to feel that they may be suspected by their own Jewish colleagues.

Probably more than any other group of Americans, these Jewish intelligence officials are most furious about Pollard's actions which, they believe, have seriously undermined their own positions.

Elsewhere in the American Jewish community, there was some sense of relief that the Eban and Rotenstreich-Tsur reports did not accuse any of the top political leaders in Israel of directly knowing about Pollard's espionage activities. They praised the reports as underlining the democratic character of Israel.

Abraham Foxman, the associate executive director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, pointed out that the two Israeli reports were similar in scope to the Tower Commission report in Washington on the Iran-contra arms affair. That U.S. reports simply laid out the facts, without making any specific recommendations about overall guilt or responsibility. The same was true in Israel.

But there can be no denying that Israel's best friends in the U.S. are becoming increasingly embarrassed by the latest wave of scandals coming out of Israel. The two Pollard reports, for instance, came immediately after the Shin Bet was revealed as having been close to torturing an Israeli

Circassian army officer into confessing treason. "Court Finds Israel Framed a Muslim," read a front-page headline in The New York Times.

In the aftermath of the Pollard affair, the Shin Bet scandals, the arms sales to Iran, the allegations of covert Israeli support to the contra rebels in Nicaragua, Israel's ties to South Africa, Jewish terrorism on the West Bank, and other sordid political developments in Israel, even Israel's best friends are increasingly ready to accept some ugly accusations against Israel.

But it would be a mistake to conclude that all of these latest developments in Israel were dominating the thinking of official Washington or the American public.

The big stories in the U.S. revolve around the Iran-contra affair and the escalating tensions in the Persian Gulf following the Iraqi air attack on the USS Stark. The sex and money scandals involving the Rev. Jim Bakker and his wife, Tammy, also dominate the news.

Thus, there is little talk in Washington of an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the momentum toward one virtually disappearing following Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's inability to win governmental approval for his proposals.

But the cumulative public relations damage to Israel's image while perhaps contained, is still real — The Jerusalem Post.

Rifai meets Greek leaders

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At a banquet in his honour hosted by Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, Monday, Mr. Rifai expressed his happiness with the visit of the Jordanian delegation and said the visit had a new foundation to relations between Jordan and Greece.

Mr. Rifai reviewed Jordan's efforts to convene an international Middle East peace conference and also Jordan's five-year national development plan for the occupied territories.

In his address the prime minister also urged the European nations to help end the Gulf conflict.

In reply, Mr. Papandreou praised Jordan's efforts under the leadership of King Hussein for just peace in the Middle East. He called on Israel to withdraw its forces from all occupied Arab regions so that peace could be established.

Shortly after his arrival in Athens on Monday Mr. Rifai held a round of talks with Mr. Papandreou and later said regional and international questions were discussed at the meeting.

Education Minister Hindawi held a meeting here Tuesday with his Greek counterpart Antonis Trivizas. They discussed bilateral cooperation in cultural fields and the condition of Jordanian students in Greece, Petra said.

The two ministers agreed on holding future contacts on assigning seats at Greek and Jordanian universities for Jordanian and Greek students. Mr. Hindawi voiced Jordan's appreciation for facilities offered to Jordanian students in Greece.

Other members of the Jordanian delegation held talks with Greek officials on promoting agricultural, trade and economic

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The agreement also stipulates that the two countries will cooperate in training hotel personnel and bring out pamphlets on touristic attractions in both countries, in addition to regulating tourism marketing and operations of tour and travel agencies.

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Attack on USS Stark worries Japan

By Maggie Jackson
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The attack on the U.S. frigate Stark jangled nerves in Japan and caused worry about the safety of this country's crucial oil supplies from the Gulf.

But few analysts believe Japan can or should play a military role in the war-stricken region.

Government officials, oil companies and industry observers said in interviews that Japan would continue to rely on diplomatic channels in working for safe passage in the Gulf, the source of 70 per cent of its oil.

Answering U.S. criticism that Japan enjoys a free defense ride in the Gulf, Japanese officials note that their post-war constitution precludes any military activity abroad.

"Apart from provoking resistance at home, a military presence in the Gulf could provoke Asian nations who remember Japan's militaristic past."

"There are many ways of contributing to the security and stability of the region," Foreign Ministry spokesman Takeshi Obara told reporters shortly after the May 17 Iraqi attack on the Stark that killed 37 American sailors.

Iraq has apologized, calling the attack a mistake.

"What Japan can contribute most usefully and effectively is in

the area of diplomatic efforts, and we'll continue to do that," Obara said.

"But as far as military involvement is concerned, he said Japan has 'constitutional constraints and we can't send self-defense (military) forces overseas."

Yoshifumi Matsuda, another ministry spokesman, added that Japan won't make any financial or military contributions unless required by joint action of the U.N. Security Council. Japan, a temporary council member, has no intention of bringing up the matter at the U.N., he said.

Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher said last week during a Tokyo visit, "it is the failure of Japan to take the lead rather than overt action for which I would fault Japan. There is not enough talk about burden-sharing."

He noted that the United States buys only 7 per cent of its oil imports from the Gulf but shoulders the main defence role.

Obara answered, "Japan, as a nation that has good diplomatic relations both with Iraq and Iran, has worked constantly at every opportunity since 1982" to attain peace there.

Japan's postwar constitution prohibits any armed forces, but has been interpreted loosely to permit a "self-defense force" of considerable strength.

"Concerns are growing in the

The United States has pressed Japan to upgrade the defence of its air and sea lanes, and applauded the January decision to scrap a decade-old policy limiting defence spending to 1 per cent of gross national product. The new budget raised defence spending to 1.004 per cent, compared with 7 per cent in the United States.

Industry officials say many oil companies back the government's cautious stance, worrying that increased U.S. naval movements in the area may escalate tensions.

Yasuhiko Tashiro, a senior economist for Idemitsu Oil Co., said, "the only thing we are afraid of is that the Americans will increase their power there. If they increase the tension unnecessarily it will cause further problems."

Asked how Japan could help, he said, "what do they expect Japan to do? The only thing we can do is intermediate. We cannot send any frigates."

The Japanese sent condolences to the United States and expressed "deep respect to the U.S. fleet in the Gulf."

Three Japanese tankers have been hit this year in the Gulf, all allegedly by Iran. More than 300 ships in all have been attacked since the war spread to the Gulf waters in 1984, and about 230 of them have been hit.

"We have no intention to resume shipping north of the Persian Gulf," said Ichiba Nakayama of the Shipowner's Association. "We're waiting for good news or for countermeasures."

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Mauritania goes fishing — in a big way

Mauritania, with some of the richest fishing grounds in the world, has, until recently, been unable to capitalise on them. Now Peter Blackburn reports how a new strategy is bringing a greater measure of prosperity.

NOUADHIBOU — The desert covered West African state of Mauritania, which has one of the world's richest fishing grounds off its shores, adopted a long-term fisheries strategy in April this year, aimed at conserving resources, increasing local added value and promoting small-scale fishing.

Mauritania's fishing industry has developed rapidly since the government implemented a new fisheries policy six years ago. Fish exports have now overtaken iron ore to become the country's main export earner and were worth about \$278 million in 1986.

The new policy has sought to integrate foreign fishing fleets into the local economy and reduce the amount of illegal fishing.

Mauritanian-controlled joint ventures have gradually replaced the former fishing licence system. Joint ventures have been set up with Arab, Eastern bloc and Scandinavian countries.

"Previously only foreign ships fished deep sea. Now there are nearly 140 Mauritanian fishing vessels," said Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud Cherif, the secretary-general at the Fisheries and Maritime Economy Ministry.

The creation of the state-owned Societe Mauritanienne de Commercialisation du Poisson (SMCP) in 1984 with a monopoly of exporting high value demersal (bottom-feeding) fish and crustaceans has helped to improve government revenue and provide a secure market for small-scale operations.

SMCP exported 60,000 tonnes of fish products worth \$153 million in 1986. The main market was Japan which accounted for 75 per cent of the total value. Prospects for 1987 are highly promising with the value of exports up by 50 per cent during the first quarter, according to SMCP's export manager, Sidi Mahmoud Aghalass.

The value of small-scale fishermen's catches is expected to quadruple to \$20 million in 1987. So far they have failed to benefit fully from the rapid growth of the industry. There are about 2,400 such fishermen but their annual catch totals only some 10,000 tonnes.

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The development of small-scale fishing would provide major benefits in terms of jobs and income and the government has now decided to correct the imbalance, Dr. Cherif said.

About \$110 million has been invested in the development of the local fisheries industry since 1980. But investment has been "incoherent" with excess onshore freezing and processing capacity, according to Dr. Cherif. The high cost of electricity and other onshore services also makes it difficult for local fish processors to be competitive.

The situation is aggravated by the fact that many modern trawlers are able to process, store and tranship their catches at sea.

Ship maintenance, repair and supply services are either expensive or inadequate at Nouadhibou and most vessels use Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, as their base.

Net foreign exchange earnings are greatly reduced by offshore payments for ship maintenance, fuel, equipment and wages. All ships' officers and 70 per cent of the crews are foreigners.

The rapid development of the fishing industry has caused concern that demersal and small pelagic (free swimming) species are being over-exploited.

The maximum sustainable yield is estimated at about 600,000 tonnes a year of which 426,000 tonnes for small pelagic species and 143,000 tonnes for demersal fish.

Exports last year rose sharply to 390,000 tonnes but this does not include fish trans-shipped at sea or what experts describe as a "substantial" amount of illegal catches.

With emphasis now being placed on the need to conserve fish resources and prices not expected to rise much further the main way to increase earnings was to develop local added value and to reduce hard currency payments for fisheries services, Dr. Cherif said.

The new government strategy seeks to correct imbalances in fisheries policy and define long-term aims, he explained. There are two main objectives:

— The protection and conservation of fish resources taking account of the need to amortise investments in trawlers and onshore freezing and processing facilities.

— Increased local added value.

The government recently approved a study carried out by the U.K.'s crown agents which identified eight investment projects costing up to \$60 million.

They include a ship repair yard, development of small-scale fishing through construction of a boat building workshop at Nouadhibou and beach landing centres along the coast as well as training programmes.

Aid donors have agreed to finance feasibility studies which should be completed by the end of 1987 so that a donors meeting can be held early next year.

Financial Times news feature.



Belize highways turn runways for marijuana planes

By Phil Davison
Reuters

ORANGE WALK, Belize — Drug agents call it "Rambo Town," the kind of place where torture is common, guns are vital and strangers seldom survive.

Orange Walk, in northern Belize, lies within 25 kilometres of Mexico, is at the heart of a marijuana business worth up to \$1 billion a year at U.S. street prices.

Airplanes use the main road as a runway for smuggling marijuana mainly to the United States. Hundreds of people have been tortured and killed in drug-related killings; their corpses often found in unmarked graves.

Belizean officials and agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) who assist them, say more than 400 tonnes

of marijuana, known in the trade as Belize breeze, reached U.S. streets last year.

Despite a campaign to destroy marijuana by aerial spraying or chopping and burning, fields simply reappear, according to U.S. and Belizean officials.

Most of the marijuana is flown on small aircraft into the United States, mainly Texas, Louisiana or Florida. The craft fly below radar at prearranged times.

If enough cash is at stake, a plane will come in during broad daylight, according to members of the local paramilitary Belize Defence Force (BDF).

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Lendl, Evert, Navratilova into Open French semifinals

PARIS (AP) — Defending Champions Ivan Lendl and Chris Evert, along with top-seeded Martina Navratilova, easily advanced to the semifinals of the French Open Tuesday.

It's familiar territory for all three players. Evert has been in the semifinals at this Grand Slam tournament for nine consecutive years, Lendl and Navratilova four each.

Lendl recovered from early problems to defeat 10th-seeded Andre Gomez of Ecuador 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1, losing just three of the last 15 games.

"He can hit like a madman at the start, but the chances are he's the one who'll tire out," Lendl said after beating Gomez for the 15th time in a row.

He will play the winner of the last quarterfinal match, between Czechoslovak Milosav Mecir, the fifth seed, and unseeded Karel Novacek.

Evert beat 14th-seeded Rafaella Reggi 6-2, 6-2, giving up just eight points after losing the first two games of the second set.

"She's hyper at 11 o'clock in the morning, that's for sure," Evert said of Reggi, in a Grand Slam quarterfinal match for the first time. That match opened the day on centre court, with less than half of the 18,000 seats occupied.

Navratilova had the easiest time of all, whipping eighth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany 6-1, 6-2, in 65 minutes.

The Evert-Navratilova match will be the 72nd of their careers, and the first since the U.S. open in 1981 in either that the final round. Navratilova, looking for her first tournament victory of the year, leads the series 37-34.

Steffi Graf of West Germany and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, a pair of 17 year olds, advanced to the other women's semifinal Monday. The second men's semi will be filled Wednesday.



Ivan Lendl



Chris Evert

After having problems in the early rounds, Navratilova has been overpowering. She has not lost a set since the second round and has dropped just seven games in her last three matches.

Against Kohde-Kilsch, she attacked with a style more often seen on fast courts than the slow clay of the French Open.

Navratilova would serve and immediately charge the net, usually to hit a putaway following off Kohde-Kilsch's return.

She won the first four games of the second set, capping the run with a forehand crosscourt volley against the West German's serve.

Kohde-Kilsch broke back with strong forehands and service returns in the fifth game and held at 15 on a forehand volley winner in the sixth.

But Navratilova held for 5-2 on a flying forehand volley and broke on her third match point with a backhand crosscourt passing shot.

Playing for the second time in 24 hours on centre court, Lendl looked groggy in the opening set against Gomez, who had been taken to five sets in each of his previous two matches.

The world's top-ranked player squandered three break points or a 5-2 lead in the first set.

Gomez held and won four of the next five games, braking for the set on a forehand volley.

In the second set, got the only break he needed in the seventh game on an overhead backhand volley, held for 5-3 in a game that went to deuce seven times and took the set at 15 on a service winner.

He raced to a 4-0 lead in the third set, winning two of the games at love. Gomez was hitting

Roland Garros' French Open comes of age

PARIS (AP) — When France's "Four Musketeers" played their first matches at the spanking new Roland Garros Stadium in 1928,

wearing brand-name shorts and whacking topspin forehands with the latest in racket technology.

Centre court bleacher seats sell for \$100 or more each on the black market, which thrives in subway corridors and avenues leading to the stadium.

Sportswear manufacturers and racket companies promote their wares along the concrete walkways that replaced the tree-shaded avenues and grassy spaces where the players and public once took shelter from the hot sun.

Once a curiosity that filled the stands on weekends, if then, the French Open now rivets the attention of the entire nation — taxi drivers, housekeepers and college professors alike.

Sold out daily, with average attendance of 26,000-28,000 de-

pending on the number of courts in use, the matches are broadcast live in French television.

PARIS (AP) — When France's "Four Musketeers" played their first matches at the spanking new Roland Garros Stadium in 1928, they wore long pants and hit volleys with simple wooden rackets before the well-heeled tennis enthusiasts who paid pittance to get in.

It's been nearly 60 years since the Rene Lacoste, Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon put France on the international tennis map by defeating the United States in the 1927 David Cup.

Roland Garros, built for their prestigious rematch the following year, has been the home of the French Open ever since.

But times have changed since the days when leisure and elegance were the watchwords of the two-week clay-court contest.

French stars Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte earn huge salaries

Official doubles estimate of 1991 yachting race to \$50m

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Sail America president Malin Burnham has doubled to \$50 million his estimate of what it would cost San Diego to stage the next America's Cup Yachting Race if selected as host.

Burnham said the new figure is based on a San Diego port district study of what Australia spent to stage the 1987 cup off Fremantle in February.

Dennis Conner skippered the San Diego Yacht Club entry, Stars and Stripes, to victory over Australian defender Kookahura III.

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- c) A recent personal photograph.

Italy tries to end Swedish jinx in European qualifier

STOCKHOLM (R) — Italy are aiming to end their Swedish jinx with victory Wednesday in a European soccer championship qualifier that would give the Italians a commanding lead in the Group Two competition.

Italy, with eight points from four matches, have not won in Sweden since 1912 and will be trying to avenge a double defeat four years ago when, as world champions, they were beaten 2-0 in Gothenburg and then 3-0 in Naples.

"He acts to me like he likes it better than any other place," Van Berg said Monday after the colt jogged more than a mile (1.6 kilometre) in the early morning at Belmont Park before temperatures reached the 90s F (30s C).

"He's relaxed. I don't think the

Swedes trail Italy by one point

and desperately need a victory to stay in the running for the lone qualifying berth for the finals in West Germany next year.

Despite injuries to midfielder Stefan Petterson and striker Mats Magnusson, the Swedish side remains optimistic.

"I think we can shake the Italians in the air. I know we can beat them," said Glenn Hysen, the veteran Gothenburg defender.

Swedish manager Ole Nordin said Petterson, a member of this year's UEFA cup winners IFK Gothenburg, was suffering from a strained groin muscle, while Magnusson had back injury.

Manager Azeglio Vicini will also juggle the Italian lineup due to injuries to World Cup veteran Antonio Cabrini and Sebastian Nela.

Iceland banks on exiles against E. German footballers

REYKJAVIK (R) — Iceland, with the stalwart Asgeir Sigurvinsson and emerging striker Arni Gudjohnsen among the key figures, are banking on their eight exiles for a repeat soccer triumph over East Germany Wednesday.

Iceland seek to emulate their 2-1 win over East Germany in 1975 — still remembered as Iceland's biggest claim to soccer fame — when they clash in a European championship Group Three qualifying match.

Sigurvinsson is a notable survivor from the team who triumphed 12 years ago, having scored the second goal following a long clearance by the Icelandic goalkeeper.

Sigurvinsson, who plays for West German club Stuttgart, is one of the eight European-based players in Iceland's squad. Yet although his experience will be an important ingredient in their challenge, the focus of attention is likely to be Gudjohnsen.

Gudjohnsen carries triple honors from his exploits in Belgium. His club Anderlecht were Belgian champions, he was the season's leading scorer, and was voted the most outstanding player by Heut Niewsblatt, the country's largest daily newspaper.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Tuesday.

One Sterling	1.6370/80	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.3413/18	U.S. dollars
1.8150/60	Canadian dollar	
2.0450/60	West German marks	
1.5000/5010	Dutch guilders	
37.58/61	Swiss francs	
6.0550/0600	Belgian francs	
1311/1312	French francs	
144.30/40	Italian lira	
6.3200/50	Japanese yen	
6.7300/50	Swedish crown	
6.8200/50	Norwegian crowns	
	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	450.30/80	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The morning's share price push into record territory faded around mid-afternoon as investors started to bank profits after annual figures from Hanson Trust.

Dealers said rumours of an opinion poll to be broadcast on BBC television later Tuesday which may show Labour and Conservative parties running level in marginal seats unsettled the market during the afternoon and helped push prices lower.

By 1448 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 7.4 points from Monday's record high close to stand at 2,220.7. It had reached a record 2,248.8 on 19th May. The F.T. 30-share index at 1400 GMT was down 4.5 to 1,726.2 after a record 1,746.6.

Shares were further unsettled by the small falls in government bond prices, which showed declines of up to 1/4 point following news of a larger than expected rise in U.K. underlying currency reserves during May.

Dealers said the record \$4.76 billion rise in reserves prompted concern about funding dollar purchases on the foreign exchanges, with operators mindful of the possible consequences of a bulge in U.K. money supply to cover the purchases.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can be unusually productive now. Decide what your true ambitions in life are and then you can work out the details for such courses of action.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make those plans definite that you have long been contemplating. Get started on the groundwork.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do whatever will make your home more charming. Try to improve your creativity and get better results.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) It's a good morning for talking over with partners the course you want to follow in the future.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You know how to add to your holdings now. Gain the assistance of those who know about finances.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Plan the good times you want to have in the near future and get more pleasure out of life. Contact your good friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Contact those you know who can give you the support you need to put across some new venture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The one you love has fine ideas for your mutual betterment, so go along with them. Be cautious in new ventures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Do whatever will bring you closer to gaining your personal wishes. The evening can be happy with your mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do whatever can enhance your prestige. An influential person can give you the backing you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A newcomer gives you good ideas for greater development and growth. Be looking for opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good day to keep a promise you have made. You can delight your mate with a new activity.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Have a long discussion with a partner and cement better relations. Show your gratitude in some way.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have many fine ideas and clever aspirations and should do well in school, so plan now for a very good academic education. The right profession will be chosen while at college. This one will be good at sports and will be family oriented.

THE Daily Crossword



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

6	Lose firmness	PIICA	SHADE	MOLD
7	Mild oath	ADDOS	HOLDED	OLEO
8	Appraiser	COMFORT	PROMISE	HEAT
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Philippine election count drags on

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Three weeks after what President Corazon Aquino called the cleanest election in Philippine history, vote counting is bogged down in a flood of protests, allegations of corruption and charges of incompetence.

The Commission on Elections, or Comelec, has tallied results from about 87 per cent of the more than 104,000 precincts in the May 11 balloting. But it has yet to declare any winners in the 24-member, nationally elected senate because the race for the final positions remains too close to call.

About 140 winners have been declared in the 200 district-level contests for the house of representatives. But formal challenges, alleging wrongs ranging from vote-buying to voter intimidation, are delaying a decision on the rest.

Comlec spokesman Augusto Toledo said the commission has received about 400 complaints of vote fraud from throughout the country. Allegations have come from both opposition and pro-Aquino candidates.

Fijian troops fire on British diplomats

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — Fijian soldiers on Tuesday shot out the tires of a jeep in which two British diplomats were travelling after the envoys refused to let them search the vehicle, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported.

No one was hurt, the news agency said.

It was the first confirmed shooting by soldiers since a military coup on May 14 that overthrew the elected government of

provinces to Manila as well as fraud complaints. He told government television the allegations should be investigated.

The government-run Philippine News Agency (PNA) quoted Brig. Ocampo on Tuesday as saying he had been approached by an unidentified "influential person" shortly before the election and asked to cheat on behalf of "some candidates," whom he refused to name.

PNA said some provincial and town officials in Central Luzon were quietly circulating a petition demanding Brig. Ocampo's removal. The agency did not say who was behind the petition, but local government posts are held by Aquino appointees.

"If these allegations had been made by a partisan group, I would have taken it with a proverbial grain of salt," columnist Larry Spin wrote in the left-leaning Malaya of Brig. Ocampo's claim. "But being an official military report and from (Mrs. Aquino's) region, this one deserves special attention."

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4 killed in Punjab bomb blast

CHANDIGARH, India (R) — A bomb planted by suspected Sikh extremists exploded outside a cinema in the north Indian state of Punjab Tuesday killing four people and injuring 20, police said.

The bomb, apparently left in a parked car, went off in the early afternoon in the industrial city of Jullundur, they said.

Police in the state capital Chandigarh told Reuters several of the wounded were in a serious condition.

The blast wrecked the car and several motor scooters. Police said they were investigating whether the bomb was left in or near the car.

Extremists fighting for a separate Sikh state in Punjab have not up to now used car bombs in their five-year campaign.

Several people have been killed by bombs and grenades lobbed by extremists into crowded cinemas in Punjab.

Extremists killed more than 70 people in May 1985 with booby trap bombs in New Delhi and three northern states.

Phnom Penh accused of human rights abuse

LONDON (R) — Amnesty International accused the Vietnamese-backed government to Kam-puchea of detaining and torturing thousands of political prisoners in the eight years since it took power.

The human rights organisation released an 83-page report detailing torture, "cruel and inhuman conditions" of detention and the deaths of some of those interrogated.

Not all such charges have been levelled by opposition candidates. Vice President Salvador Laurel told Malaya last week that fraud charges must be investigated because "where there is smoke, there must be fire."

Former Labour Minister Augusto Sanchez, one of two administration candidates trailing in the senate race, claims he lost votes because of Comelec failed to remove the name of another "Sanchez" who has disqualified.

The former labour minister has asked Comelec to recount ballots in certain districts where poll workers, confused by the two names, apparently failed to credit him with all the "Sanchez" votes.

The Heng Samrin government, with Vietnamese military backing, is fighting a coalition of rebel groups which includes supporters of former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge.

"Although many Kampuchean are detained in the context of armed opposition, many political prisoners did not take part in the violent struggle and a number may be prisoners of conscience," Amnesty said.

Copies of the report will be sent to the two governments.

Duarte offers amnesty to prisoners, guerrillas

SENSUNTEPEQUE, El Salvador (AP) — President Jose Napoleón Duarte on Monday offered amnesty to political prisoners and to leftist guerrillas who lay down their arms and join the political process.

Mr. Duarte, in a speech marking the start of his fourth year in office, also said he will allow 98 injured guerrillas held by the army to leave the country for medical treatment in exchange for the release of two mayors and seven other captives held by the rebels.

"I have viewed with hope the invitation" of the rebels to continue peace talks broken off in 1984, he said. "But I will not tire of insisting that they join the democratic process and abandon weapons and violence as a

wartime activities when he entered the United States in 1955 from Austria and when he became an American citizen in 1966.

The ministry spokesman said Bartesch would be held pending proceedings to expel him from the country, which he entered on his still valid U.S. passport. He left the United States on Wednesday.

Nazi camp guard arrested in Austria

VIENNA (R) — Martin Bartesch, an admitted former Nazi camp guard who has stripped of his U.S. citizenship last week, has been arrested in Austria, the Interior Ministry has said.

Relatives had reported that Mr. Bartesch had been in poor health for some time, officials said.

Deputy Prime Minister Erskine Sandiford, who served as minister of education and leader of the House of Assembly, was sworn in as Mr. Bartesch's successor by Governor-General Sir Hugh Springer.

Mr. Bartesch, a British-educated lawyer and a navigation officer in the British Royal Air Force during World War II, led this Caribbean island off eastern Venezuela to independence from Britain in November 1966.

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Artukovic clemency appeal rejected

ARTUKOVIC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Judges rejected a clemency appeal by lawyers for Andrija Artukovic, the former interior minister of Croatia who was sentenced to death for war crimes, the government newspaper Politika reported.

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Experts find substance which may block AIDS

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. researchers have said an easily synthesized chemical known as Peptide T effectively prevents the deadly AIDS virus attacking human cells and holds potential as both a treatment and vaccine.

Dr. Candace Pert, a neuroscientist at the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, told the third annual international conference on AIDS that Peptide T "potently blocks entry" of the AIDS virus into cells.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had approved clinical testing of the naturally-occurring brain chemical and tests involving at least a dozen AIDS patients in a controlled environment would probably start next month, she said.

Dr. Frederick Goodwin, the institute's scientific director, told Reuters "my gut reaction is that we are onto something."

He said that based on initial findings Peptide T might hold promise as a treatment for those already suffering from AIDS as well as in the search for a vaccine to prevent the spread of the disease.

Laboratory researchers had found that Peptide T could reverse brain cell damage caused

by AIDS, he said.

Pert said a Swedish doctor had provided the chemical to four AIDS patients last year. One died but the others showed some improvement, she said.

Earlier, researchers with the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta told conference participants that better sexual contact was spreading AIDS twice as fast in the United States as homosexual or bisexual relationships.

Their study says the number of cases from heterosexual contact increased 135 per cent in 1986 while cases reported from homosexual or bisexual male contact rose about 80 per cent for the year.

The largest percentage increases were among heterosexual men and women in geographic areas other than New York, California and Florida — the previous AIDS hotspots — CDC researchers said in a summary of their study distributed in advance to conference participants.

Another government report will show that of 29,582 AIDS cases reported to the CDC between June 1981 and Jan. 26, 1987, nearly 17,000, or 57 per cent, have died.

Dr. Gallo said the new and the distinct virus had been detected

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Lebanese arrested on drug charges

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — A Lebanese man was arrested Tuesday at Larnaca port on a charge of carrying 20 grammes (two-thirds of an ounce) of hashish, police said. They identified the man as Houssam Saad Akka, 27, from the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli. He was arrested after he arrived by boat from the Lebanese port of Jounieh. He was remanded in custody for four days until investigations are completed.

Quintuplets start new life

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — The world's only test-tube quintuplets arrived from Britain on Tuesday with their American-born parents to settle in Australia. The "alphabet quint" — Alan, Brett, Connor, Douglas and Edward Jacobson — were born 14 months ago. Parents Bruce and Lynda Jacobson said they came to Australia to be close to the children's grandparents, who live in a beachside suburb of this southern city.

U.S. to take back contaminated tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has said it would take back a shipment of cigarettes sold to Japan which have been found contaminated by herbicide. State Department spokesman Charles Redman said arrangements were being made to "re-export and dispose" of the cigarettes. Mr. Redman also said U.S. customs authorities had notified Japan that the cigarettes contained an excess of the approved levels of the herbicide Dicamba. He said customs officials were investigating the matter with the cooperation of R.J. Reynolds.

'Oldest person' turns 114

SWANSEA, Wales (AP) — Record-breaking Anna Eliza Williams, believed the world's oldest human being, was 114 on Tuesday. Staff at the nursing home where she lives in Swansea, south Wales, said they have baked her a cake and will open a bottle of sherry for her quiet birthday party. "She always has a small glass on her birthday, but that is the only time of the year she touches alcohol," said Dianne Evans, head nurse at the Tuxedo Old People's Home. Mrs. Williams eats lots of vegetables, refuses all pills and medicines and has never smoked. She was born on June 2, 1873, when Queen Victoria was on the throne. There have been five more British monarchs since she died in 1901. There also have been 21 prime ministers serving 34 terms and Mrs. Williams intends to vote in the June 11 general election. "Anna's having a postal vote but who she votes for is her secret," Mrs. Evans said. "Anna Williams is now the world's oldest living person," said Alan Russell, editor of the Guinness Book of Records. "There are a lot of other contentious claims but Anna's is the only age that can be authenticated," he said.

'Living donor' transplant performed

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Surgeons at Presbyterian-University Hospital removed the heart from a young woman undergoing a heart-lung transplant Monday and placed the organ into a man whose own heart was failing, hospital officials said. It was the second "living donor" operation in the United States. The first was performed on May 10 at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins hospital. The world's first living heart transplant was performed in London last month. The Pittsburgh operations began late Sunday and ended about five hours later, said hospital spokesman Thomas Chakurda. The heart was donated by a 25-year-old woman suffering from primary pulmonary hypertension for transplant into a 53-year-old man who was awaiting a donor organ, Chakurda said. The hospital, citing the families' requests for privacy, refused to identify the patients. Chakurda said both patients were listed in critical condition, which is normal after such surgery. Dr. Bartley Griffith, who headed the team that transplanted the heart and both lungs, said the woman's heart had not been damaged by her illness and was an exact match in size and blood type for the man. Griffith said surgeons proceeded with the surgery knowing they could resort to an artificial heart to keep the man alive if necessary. They did not identify the donor of the heart and lungs for the woman.

26 armed robbers invade beachfront hotel

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Twenty-six robbers armed with machine guns and revolvers burst into a five-star beachfront hotel Monday, tied up security guards and escaped with \$52,000 worth of jewellery and cash, police said. The robbers sealed off an entire block of famed Copacabana Beach, burst into the exclusive Othon Palace Hotel and stole the contents of safe deposit boxes after tying up six security guards. Police Chief Romeo Diamantina said, "It was one of the best-organised operations I've ever seen," Diamantina said. "They were well-informed about the hotel's security and banking systems." Thieves took cash and jewellery from 62 safe deposit boxes, leaving other empty coffers untouched, said Diamantina, adding that they also knew where the six security guards would be stationed. No one was hurt in the incident, police said.

Rare black leopard cub born in zoo

MOSCOW (R) — A rare black leopard cub has been born at a zoo in Alma-Ata, capital of the Soviet Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan, TASS news agency said Tuesday. TASS said the cub was one of a litter of three. "One of the cubs is black all over, which happens quite rarely, still less in zoos," it said.

1 Beatle turns up at Sgt. Pepper's birthday

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney was the only former Beatle to attend Monday's party for the 20th anniversary of the group's famous album, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. McCartney, 44, ran up the steps into the Abbey Road Studios in west London where the songs for the album were performed in 1967. "It still sounds fresh," he remarked, listening once again to the Beatles' record that sold 30 million copies. "Was it really 20 years ago that we made the record?" he said. "Not an awful lot has changed," he said. "The issues are the same. Then we wanted the end of apartheid in South Africa. We wanted peace on earth, love and understanding between everyone around the world. We have learned that change comes slowly. But we have to keep our faith, keep pushing and hope we have better news to report 20 years from today." McCartney was the only ex-Beatle present, with his American photographer wife Linda. George Harrison and Ringo Starr were invited but didn't show, although George made music with Paul in a television documentary about the album screened nationwide Monday night. John Lennon was murdered in New York on Dec. 8, 1980.

Jail terms sought for infected prostitutes

CARSON CITY, Nevada (AP) — Prostitutes infected with AIDS who continued to solicit customers would face prison terms of up to 20 years under legislation that is supported by brothel owners and state health officials. The target isn't so much the state's legal brothels, but prostitutes who work illegally in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and other resorts where the brothels aren't allowed. The bill, awaiting a vote in the state assembly, originally would have made the offense punishable as attempted murder. In its latest form, it is regarded as having a good chance of passage. Assembly Judiciary Chairman Bob Conkey, said the target is prostitutes who are "trying to make a buck in a reckless manner." Jim Conkey, head of the AIDS education project at Truckee-Meadows Community College, said the bill would be a legal tool for dealing with prostitutes who heedlessly infect others with the deadly virus. However, Conkey criticised legislation for failing to deal with two of the most critical issues: the question of an AIDS carrier's privacy rights and the prevention of discrimination.

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